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Ref: DODOIG-2019-000734
DODOIG-2019-000735

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 74384-45183338@requests.muckrock.com

Ms. Emma Best
Muck RockNews
DEPT MR 74384 411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, as attached. We received your requests on May 31, 2019, and assigned them case numbers DODOIG-2019-000734 and DODOIG-2019-000735.

This office is responsible for processing all FOIA requests for access to records maintained by the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG). After carefully reviewing your requests, we cannot determine exactly which records you are seeking. In addition, the statute under which you submitted your inquiry, 5 USC § 552, requires that requesters identify requested records with sufficient detail that would allow an experienced researcher to conduct an organized non-random search. Specifically, there is nothing in your requests that would enable this Office to establish the necessary nexus or linkage between the subject of your request and the DoD OIG. The FOIA requires federal agencies to provide reasonably described records that contain information that is responsive to a FOIA request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a) (3) (A) (i). The FOIA, however, does not require agencies to explain records, answer questions, or conduct research. See NLRB v. Sears Roebuck & Co., 421 U.S. 132, 162 (1975); Zemansky v. EPA, 767 F.2d 569, 574 (9th Cir. 1985). For the above reason, I have determined that your letters do not reasonably describe the records that you seek; therefore, it is not a proper FOIA request.

For your information, a record is not reasonably described unless the description contains sufficient information to enable a professional agency employee familiar with the subject area to locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. It is the requester's responsibility to reasonably describe the records sought under the FOIA. A requester may provide descriptive information in one or two ways. (1) The request must contain file-related information, such as, the type of record sought, the title, index citation, subject area, date the record was created, and the identity of the originator of the record. (2) It should contain event-related information, such as, the circumstances that resulted in the record being created and/or the date and circumstances surrounding the event that the records cover. See 32 C.F.R. § 286.4(h).

In view of the foregoing, we are not able to process your requests under the FOIA. With this action, I am administratively closing your requests. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (703) 604-9775 or foiarequests@dodig.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Rivera", is located below the text.

Anna Rivera
Acting Division Chief
Freedom of Information Act, Privacy and Civil Liberties

DODOIG-2019-000734 Request Details

e Status: Withdrawn Due Date: N/A Clock Days: 0 (Never Started)

Case Phase: Evaluation

Requester Information

Requester	Emma Best
Organization	
Requester Has Account	Yes
Email Address	74384-45183338@requests.muckrock.com
Phone Number	
Fax Number	
Address	MuckRock News, DEPT MR 74384 411A Highland Ave
City	Somerville
State/Province	MA
Zip Code/Postal Code	02144
Tracking Number	DODOIG-2019-000734
Submitted Date	05/31/2019
Received Date	05/31/2019
Perfected Date	
Last Assigned Date	05/31/2019
Assigned To	Department of Defense Office of Inspector General
Last Assigned By	
Request Track	Simple
Fee Limit	\$0.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No
Request Track	Simple
Fee Category	Select Fee Category
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes
Fee Waiver Status	Pending
Expedited Processing Requested	No
Expedited Processing Status	
Request Type	FOIA
Request Perfected	No
Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Unusual Circumstances	No
Litigation	No
5 Day Notifications	

Description

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Has Description Been Modified

Description Available to the Public

Short Description

No

Additional Information

Type of Records Requested

Select Type of Records Requested

Report Number

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Case #	<input type="text"/>
Limit Request to Clearly Releasable Info	<div>Select Limit Request to Clearly Releasable Info ▼</div>
Cross Reference Case(s)	<input type="text"/>

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public	<div>No ▼</div>		
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Case Phase: Evaluation Case Status: Initial Evaluation

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